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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated September 15, 2004, Applicant submits the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicant agrees that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicant wishes to emphasize that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the

interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano, Reg. No. 35,094 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

Attached hereto are Figs. 1 and 2 (1) sheet of formal drawings which comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The drawings should be made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

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